

10. Urban Nonpoint Source Pollution Education Resolution

The resolution is aimed at parish planners. It is designed to outline educational goals for the local government to accomplish. All goals are designed to assist the general public in their understanding of the sources of urban nonpoint source pollution and to make training and education, certification programs, guidelines and convenient pick-up and drop-up services available for the public.

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[Note: a "resolution" denotes something less formal than an ordinance; generally it is an expression of the opinion or mind of the council concerning some matter of administration, within its official cognizance. Providing for disposition of a particular item of administrative business of a municipality.]

Section 1 Purpose/Intent

1.1 To educate the public about the sources of urban nonpoint source pollution and set goals for developing community services, education and training and guidelines. _____ (local government) resolves to develop and implement an educational program to curb adverse affects of nonpoint source pollution on its waterways and natural resources.

1.2 _____ (local government office/agency) will be responsible for implementation of this resolution.

1.3 Educational projects with other local governments sharing common natural resources will be encouraged and pursued by _____ (local government office/agency) whenever possible to ensure benefits to the entire watershed.

Section 2 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

2.1 A curbside pick-up service of household hazardous wastes, such as paints, solvents, lawn and garden products, detergents and cleansers, antifreeze and oil will be developed. [or a quarterly drop-off/collection service of household hazardous wastes will be developed]

2.2 A grade school curricula teaching about proper disposal of household hazardous wastes will be developed or adopted and a teacher training program implemented.

2.3 A moveable educational display will be designed, created and displayed throughout the (local area) in order to bring information to the public about proper household hazardous waste disposal.

Section 3 Turf Management

3.1 Develop a soil-testing program and promote its use at a central location. The program will provide educational information on collection of soil samples and assist in sending materials to be tested. Furthermore, the program will help explain soil testing results so proper fertilization is

conducted. [note: partnership with local soil conservation district into order to implement this program]

3.2 Implement a lawn care certification program for lawn service businesses that trains persons in proper lawn care techniques.

3.3 Join with the State Cooperative Extension Service to offer classes about the use of native plants and trees for landscaping, thereby reducing the need for pesticide use and water maintenance.

3.4 Develop or adopt an area lawn care guidance manual that can be distributed throughout the region. [Partner with local stores selling lawn care supplies and have manuals distributed with purchases]

3.5 Implement a composting service, which picks up lawn trimmings and composts them. With an identification card verifying local residence persons will be able to access the compost for free. [distribution amounts will be limited to _____ pounds per person] [or Develop a Master Composter program, which offers compost training and free composting equipment to local residence.]

3.6 Encourage residents to limit use of sprinklers through public service announcements.

Section 4 Pet Waste Management

4.1 Post public signs at parks and on street sides directing persons to pick-up and properly dispose of pet waste.

Section 5 Storm Water Drainage

5.1 Work with schools, clubs and civic groups to promote a storm water stenciling program that informs the public about storm drain connection to area water bodies.

5.2 Utilize public service announcements to inform community about the water quality damage caused by improper disposal of substances using storm drains.

Section 6 Resolution Adoption

6.1 This Resolution # _____ is adopted by _____ (local government) by the following vote:

6.2 This Resolution # _____ will become effective _____.